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## Class Champs Pin Hopes On Quick Strike In Bowl

Brows will wrinkle and brains contort in a mammoth clash of intellects as the top sophomore, junior, and senior High School Bowl teams compete before the entire school in a double assembly on January 21.

The sophomore team of Murray Porath, Keith Davis, Joe Rini and Chuck Koplik will play the junior team of Jim Anderson, Cathy Permut, Alan Geisner, Jeff Kern and Harvey Mechanic in the first assembly. The victorious team will then play the senior team of Ted Einstein, Helen Kronenberg, David Stein and Mark Webber during the second assembly.

Their names will be added to those of last year's winners on a red bowl to be displayed in the trophy case.

The three teams in the play-off have already proved their worth by emerging triumphant from contests held January 5 through January 11 with other teams from their respective classes. Altogether seven senior, five junior, and seven sophomore teams entered the preliminary games.

Annelen Minkin, Linda Kane, and adviser Robert Hanson organized the entire program and contacted students to serve as

scorers, timekeepers, and moderators. Getting enough questions remained the biggest problem.

## Band Buys Toot Suits

The Shaker High Band is buying new uniforms to replace those which were worn out. The band is paying for the uniforms with funds raised in part through last year's candy sale and has chosen a committee to plan a fund-raising drive this year.

Jerry Keller, president of the band, explained, "The new uniforms are formal enough for the Cleveland Symphony and sporty enough for the Ohio State Marching Band."

THE BAND chose black tuxedos for indoor performances and red overlays for marching.



Senior Ted Einstein and junior Jim Anderson hold down sophomore Chuck Koplik in a High School Bowl toss-up.

## Council on Seven Arts Enriches Student Life

This year four of Shaker's John Hay Fellows, Dr. John A. Stanavage, Kenyon C. Cramer, Joseph V. Szwaja, and John Vargo, have encouraged and sponsored two new boosts to the humanities: the 7:30 humanities course and the recently organized Council on the Seven Arts.

The Council's purpose is to become the official sponsor of cultural activities at Shaker by means of after-school programs open to the entire student body. These programs would consist of an explanation and demonstration in some field of the arts by prominent, talented Clevelanders willing to encourage students in a love of other interests besides the much-emphasized scholastic ones.

The club already has elected officers from its 72 members: President Tary Ismond, Vice-President Sharmon Solitto, Secretary Kathy Friedman, and Treasurer Cheri Banks. After only two meetings they are preparing for the first program.

## Seniors Seek Success In Somerset Setting

Every year Shaker seniors go through the rigors of arranging a Senior Prom. Led by President Mark Webber, seniors have arranged a long drive to raise money for their prom.

The first project, support of the play *Our Town*, netted

\$470.15 for the class. The rest of the approximately \$1,239 in the class treasury resulted from class dues.

In Group Counseling classes the seniors voted on the location of their prom. They chose the Somerset Inn and thereby eliminated Byron Junior High and the Shaker House Motor Hotel.

The class officers and Martin Meshenberg had reviewed these three locations and reported the advantages and disadvantages of each place.

Treasurer Dan Biello reported that the senior class still lacks sufficient funds to hold the prom at the desired location. March 12 is an important date for seniors. This is the day of the senior class party which can help to fulfill the half-empty senior coffers.

## Shaker Draws UN Diplomat

Shakerites were treated to an hour of fascinating first-hand information on Wednesday, January 13, when Dr. Zelma George addressed the student body on "The United Nations—School in Democracy."

Dr. George, a world famous lecturer, represented the United States as a member of the 15th General Assembly of the United Nations in 1960. In 1959, Dr. George was invited to participate in a six-month world tour under the auspices of the State Department.

The State Department tour traveled primarily to newly-emerged nations of Africa and Asia where Dr. George met personally with many of the presidents and ambassadors of these countries. Upon her return, she was appointed an United States representative to the United Nations General Assembly session.

## Parents, Teachers Unite For Annual Exam Bang

Shakerites will be able to end this semester with a bang at the annual Exam Bang. This event will take place on January 30, from 8:30 to 12:00 p.m. in the Girls' Gym and Social Room.

Half-dance, half-carnival, the Exam Bang will feature a band and twelve booths, including three fortune tellers, a photographer, and several new games. There will also be a skit put on by parents and teachers poking fun at themselves. A sneak preview of this year's cast includes Alfred Lata and Miss Dorothy Orndorff. The Snack Bar will be open throughout the evening.

The entire affair, planned by parents and teachers, serves as a relaxer after finals. Mrs. John Cort, chairman of the Exam

Bang, says, "This is a wonderful way to shirk those bluebook blues."

As is traditional, the theme will remain secret until the Exam Bang actually begins. The no-date affair will cost \$1.00 per person, and the appropriate attire will be school clothes.

## Seminars Initiate Intern Program

The Student Government Intern Committee is not as medical as it sounds. Rather it is an association designed to train Shaker students for jobs in city government.

This committee, organized last year, provides an opportunity for students to learn more of the actual functioning of Shaker Heights administration.

A series of seminars starting January 29 will begin the committee's work. Leading city officials will speak about the responsibilities their jobs incur.

Interested students must attend these seminars. On April 10, at the conclusion of the series, a civil service examination will be given. On the basis of these tests, 30 students will be chosen, 18 of whom will have the opportunity to hold position in the city government for one day. The other 12 will be understudies.

The committee selects the 18 finalists on the basis of an essay contest and private interviews. William King, a leader of the Intern Committee, stated, "I feel that this is a worthwhile program because it enables Shaker students to become more involved in the actual workings of their government."

## Bard-Based Kiss Me Kate Is Choir's Shrewd Choice

*Kiss Me Kate*, a musical show by Cole Porter, will be presented by the A Cappella Choir, on May 7 and 8 as their traditional bi-annual production.

"*Kiss Me Kate* requires a large chorus and many leads. This makes it possible for a great

number of Shaker students to participate in the production and gain experience from it," said Reynold Ellis, director of the production. "As a tribute to the late Cole Porter and birthday of Shakespeare, it was certainly an appropriate selection."

The Drama Department, under the supervision of Mr. John Barner, will build the sets, operate the lights, and work backstage. Casting auditions will be held on January 28 and 29.

*Kiss Me Kate* is one of Cole Porter's most famous Broadway musicals and contains some of his greatest songs, such as "Wonderbar" and "So in Love." The plot is based on *The Taming of the Shrew*, by William Shakespeare.

## Club Creates French Feast

Paris arrived at the Shaker cafeteria when the French Club held a buffet supper, "Au Restaurant de la Tour Eiffel," from 5:30 to 9:00, January 8. Barbara Grau, with the aid of the French Club adviser, Miss Elizabeth Schneider, organized the dinner and various other committees.

The theme of the dinner was Paris. The decorations committee with chairman Sharmon Solitto converted the cafeteria to a typical French cafe with trees and the famous Eiffel Tower in the background.

Each French Club member brought a tasty French casserole, salad, bread, or a dessert as their ticket of admission. Food committee chairman Mirfee Klein made certain a great variety and a plentiful amount of food were served. Laura Bleiweiss received a prize of goose-liver for giving the funniest name to her French hors d'oeuvres, *La Cuisine du Lapin*.

After the supper, a French movie, *La Belle et la Bete*, or *The Beauty and the Beast*, provided entertainment and practice in listening to French for the club members.



French Club members produce authentic atmosphere with model of Eiffel Tower, hints of Paris trees and French salad dressing.



## Careless Students Give Theft a Helping Hand

There is a growing problem at Shaker which the majority of students have chosen to call theft. Yet, the problem is not theft in the sense of physical violence, but really the picking up of articles carelessly left lying about.

Personal property is misplaced and forgotten in an enormous volume. Over \$100 worth of unclaimed glasses in the lost and found attest to the lack of care. If an article is left neglected, someone is often willing to assume it permanently forgotten and satisfy himself by invoking "finders keepers."

This editorial does not attempt to mitigate theft; ideally every student should make himself responsible for the return of lost property, and many do. But one must realize and recognize that when dishonesty is made so convenient and profitable, there are bound to be dishonest people.

The solution is an easy one: each student need care only for his own property. But when a personal possession is misplaced, and such must occur on occasion, any Shakerite who finds it should, ideally, turn it in to lost and found.

## Parliamentary Fouls Add To Confusion in Council

Parliamentary procedure, the framework of orderly meetings, is sometime obscured by the sequence of events in Student Council. All members have been instructed in proper rules yet, in times of quick action, the proceedings often appear irregular and mysterious.

In a meeting on January 5, 1965, parliamentary maneuvers initiated by members of the Executive Board brought a defeated motion back to the floor, amended it, and then had the Council pass it. These proceedings were in accordance with parliamentary rules, yet representatives were confused.

This failure to know proper parliamentary procedure hampers the Student Council's effectiveness in government. During each meeting the parliamentarian should be prepared to follow closely the proceedings, checking their legality and also clarifying the situations for the members of the Council.

## Honor System Rescued From Students' Haste

The school administration has intervened to save the Honor System from near destruction at the hands of a student referendum. Faith in the Honor System, which had not fared well in Student Council, was expressed by the Administrative Committee in proposing a renewed pilot program and in indefinitely postponing the referendum.

Following a year of study and tests the Honor Committee had presented the proposed Honor System to Student Council for approval. After heated discussion and much misunderstanding, the motion was rushed through Council over a rather indignant and sizable minority.

Without planning for a reasonable presentation of the issue, several Council members circulated petitions for a school referendum and gathered more than enough signatures.

The Administrative Committee has seen, however, that explanation of the Honor System, difficult as it would be in the planned classroom presentation, was impossible on a school-wide basis. They have also noted that written evaluations and studies of the past pilot program were incomplete.



## Orchestra Strings Along; Joins Fuller Brush Group

By Kris Nygaard

One of Shaker's lesser-known organizations is the school orchestra which, sadly handicapped by insufficient membership, nevertheless is actively engaged in the study and performance of good music.

Robert Leibold, sponsor and conductor, meets with the all-string orchestra seventh period on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Violinists Jeff Aaron, Dave Burke, Irving Goodman, Sherri Harvey, Rhonda Kelley, Gary Setnik, and Alona Saltzberg play to the accompaniment of lone cellist, Elaine Richardson. Doug Friedlander is the apprentice student conductor.

The biggest problem barring the realization of a full-size orchestra is the conflict of scheduling. Moreover, most of the instrumentalists who are able to arrange a free seventh period join the band, which meets the same time as orchestra. Thus the orchestra has always been under the shadow of the band, and usually receives very few brass and wind players.

Mr. Leibold expressed this wish: "We hope that the student

body will support the orchestra in future endeavors, and help us build an organization that would be worthy of representing Shaker High School."

The string players will be traveling to Brush High School on February 17 to participate in the LEL '65 Orchestra.

Later in February several instrumentalists from Shaker will attend the Greater Cleveland Solo and Ensemble Contest held this year at Euclid High School.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Concerning the motion recently passed by Student Council to limit terms of class officers and the number of offices one person can hold, one can admittedly find some merit in the idea of giving other qualified people a chance to hold class office; however, the faults of such a motion far exceed its merits.

The restriction of any qualified person to run for an office is a dangerous precept no matter how few individuals it may limit; moreover, the class should have the right to elect whom-ever it wants without arbitrary exclusions, and the winner of an election in which a former winner had been erased by motion would have a meaningless victory, much as calling the Baltimore Colts the world's championship football team by first eliminating the Cleveland Browns from the running would be absurd.

If one is to win a class election, he must win it over all the obstacles or else a "victory" is hollow.

From a practical standpoint, the author of the motion has as his main complaint a case against the handling of the elections in homerooms; thus he seeks a re-evaluation of the election system, not a limitation upon terms of officers.

The motion is trying to cure an appendicitis by operating on a patient's toe! At any rate, the entire school is now fully aware, if it weren't before, of the question at hand, making the motion superfluous. In the future, if a person can win the same class office for three years in a row

### Student Forum

## Free Flicks

Andrea Ulevitch (12): "I really did not know about the noon movies. There is a great lack of publicity."

Randy Hughes (11): "Noon movies should be for relaxation and entertainment. The subject matter of the movies should be light and the movies should be more enjoyable."

Jim Bristol (10): "The attendance at movies is poor because the movies are not entertaining enough. For the attendance to increase the movies should deal with less academic subjects."

Jeff Tucker (12): "The topics are dull and uninteresting. Noon movies would probably be more successful if they took full-length, entertaining films and ran them in serials."

Carolyn Sycle (11): "The main reason for the poor attendance at noon movies is inadequate publicity, not only in announcing the titles of the films, but also in making known the times and places."

Don Snyder (11): "The full-length feature film would keep the student body's interest and entertain them more than the short subject films."

with all this going against him, his classmates obviously want him.

Mark Webber

Dear Editor:

Frequently I have heard people speak of America, and sometimes Shaker Heights, as a cultural desert. Russians look proudly at their numerous government-sponsored artistic triumphs, while we in America traditionally are content to neglect the arts.

In the past few years, however, the fine arts have fortunately been able to make some headway. This upsurge can also be noted in our own Shaker High. Recently, thanks to Dr. Stanavage and several members of the student body, a greater amount of culture has found its way into the mainstream of Shaker activity.

A splendid Semanteme-sponsored art show featured the original works of talented Shakerites. Also under the auspices of the literary magazine is the new publication—the Calendar—a monthly "tip sheet" on the best art and music in Cleveland.

The latest two advancements are the Humanities course and its supplement—the Seven Arts Council. These, coupled with our already outstanding choir and dramatic work give evidence that Shaker is approaching the ideal of a comprehensive high school.

But let's hope that this is not the end of school-supported programs for the fine arts, but rather that we can look forward to the expansion of the humanities and the eventual elimination of the cultural desert.

James Winer

Member of NSPA, CSPA

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## Youth Councils to Give Hough Area New Look

By William Shottluck

Shaker's Youth Council on Human Relations will soon have an opportunity to enrich their relations with other Clevelanders. On February 13 and 20 they will paint, clean, and repair buildings in the Hough area.

In co-ordination with council members of other schools, Shakerites will work to improve the general atmosphere of Cleveland's huge slum area.

Nancy Michael, president of Shaker's Youth Council and recently elected president of the Cleveland Council, states the purpose of this and other programs: "School chapters give the individual a chance to learn about the field of human relations: extending brotherhood to those of other races, religions, and nationalities.

"Though our school chapter is undertaking a work project in the Hough area, membership in the Cleveland Council will insure a steady opportunity to observe the area of human relations, first-hand over a continuing period of time along with members of all backgrounds."

Later in the year, a similar program will involve Shaker students. On April 24, ten council members will journey to Camp Cheerful on the west side. This community-operated camp for handicapped children will receive the same type of aid as the Hough area.

## Creative Art Students Design Indian Signs

Art students in Charles Jeffery's second period class recently became interior decorators. For the duration of a research-design project, students were hypothetically designers faced with the task of decorating railway cars with new fabrics.

As designers, art students had to create new designs to be printed on fabrics. Preceding the actual making of designs, students spent three days in the library making extensive research on Indian motifs. Only then could students competently create designs which maintained traditional Indian character yet were quite contemporary.

Once students chose their motifs, the designs were drawn on large sheets of gray-tan card-

## Added Activities For Math Bugs

Shaker math students use their mathematical skills outside as well as inside the classrooms.

Four such students participated in the Greater Cleveland Teachers of Mathematics Association meeting in December at Lakewood High School. Judie Hill taught a group of seventh graders from the Cleveland area about "The Origin and Development of Numbers and Numerals." Robin Kovachy served as hostess and introduced the topic.

Dick Malitz spoke on "Smorgasbord of Infinity" to eighth and ninth graders. George Gelehrter assisted Dick in the classroom with additional explanations.

Senior Ted Einstein leads the Shaker Math Club every Wednesday at its meeting. Ted provides such programs as discussions and lectures by college professors, members of the high school staff, or students.



Mrs. Catherine Shirk

## College Board Tests Arrive; In Come Taxing Questions

By Chuck Silverman

Alone and without counsel, many Shakerites will face the achievement tests in May for the first time. It is the purpose of this article to show what the test-taker may expect on this most important of dates.

The first step, upon receiving the thick booklet of tests, is to break its seal with your pencil eraser and to pull out the answer sheet. This is actually a device to break your spirits, since that thin cardboard seal is designed to withstand five minutes of struggling.

At last you are ready to begin. Pencil poised, you hear the sounds which will continue without ceasing for the next three hours—a nearby pencil tapping to some unknown beat, a compulsive cougher, or a knot of teachers holding an important discussion three feet away.

As you proceed through the test you will without doubt run across analogies such as "kuismanseel is to figwort as licentious is to foot, man, house, fingernail, or contiguous. Don't be surprised if you read the first paragraph in the Reading Comprehension section five times before you see the word "Directions" written over it. Your problems may be compounded as you realize you've marked the last seven answers "e."

It's obvious that these tests aren't valid because they don't

## Shirk Shirks Conformity; Brings Shaker Saturnalia

The term non-conformist is in vogue today; anyone who displays individuality might be so branded. However, the word *unorthodox*, rather than *non-conformist*, might be more descriptive of a singular teacher, Mrs. Catherine Shirk of the Latin Department.

For example, concerning the diversification of topics within her subject, a visitor to one of Mrs. Shirk's classes might just as easily find the students discussing philosophy or ethics as discussing Latin. Why? Mrs. Shirk answers, "Latin is a means whereby we bring to modern

education the best from the classical world in philosophy, history, and ethics."

Another manifestation of Mrs. Shirk's individuality is the Saturnalia card. Every year just before Christmas vacation, she assigns her second-year students to write and design Christmas cards in Latin. The most original of these are displayed on the classroom bulletin board.

One need only attend one of Mrs. Shirk's classes on the Ides of March to see proof of her uniqueness among teachers. After all, who else still mourns the death of Julius Caesar.

## Teachers Eat, Talkies Treat

Dining room movies now appear on the faculty lunch menu, during periods four and five. Films on educational and cultural topics are shown in one section of the teachers' dining room to faculty while they eat.

Edward Karolec, director of the Instructional Materials Center at Shaker, initiated the program. Responses from department chairmen and curriculum council members helped determine the choice of films.

The films are scheduled every few weeks and include such titles as "Choosing a Classroom Film," "Interlochen," "Aristotle's Ethics," and "Bertrand Russell Discusses the Role of the Individual."

Although the films are shown only one day in the dining room, they are available to the school during the entire week of rental.

test the things that school really teaches us, such as: how to make a *Cliff's Notes* opinion sound original, how to railroad bills through Student Council, or most important, how to get into college without taking these ridiculous tests at all.

## Jam Sandwiched In With Lunch

Shakerites who derive little satisfaction from such lunchtime activities as playing cards, going to a study hall, or getting kicked out of the library because they are not doing library work, may look forward to a new lunchtime activity.

The Social Council is sponsoring a series of jam sessions to be held 4th and 5th periods.

Various bands will perform at the sessions. The bands will try to cater to the audience and students will be permitted to make requests for songs.

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# Inspired Starkers Stroke Past Shaw Cards

## Arsham Sparks Winning Wave

By Tom Handcl

Led by the dazzling victories of junior Fred Arsham and senior Tom Marshall, the Shaker swimmers pulled out a 19-16 triumph over the Shaw Cardinals.

The Lake Erie League match at Shaker on January 8, went down to the final race before Shaker could claim victory.

Shaker's 160-yard medley relay team started Coach Paul Stark's mermen with a quick seven-point advantage. Bob Power, Alan Gross, Tom Marshall, and Webb Young combined their four respective strokes for a 1:23.4 clocking. Bob Haas hiked the advantage to 12-4 with the first of his distance freestyle victories, posting a 2:00.0 time in the 200-yard race.

### Crane Cruises

Rennie Crane completed Shaker's string of three opening victories with a win in the 60-yard freestyle sprint. Crane's time of 28.0 seconds took another five points for the Red Raiders.

Three races later, Tom Marshall once again picked up the winning ways. In a clear upset, Marshall won the 100-yard butterfly, adding to Shaker's lead, which then stood at 30-22.

FROM THAT POINT, however, Shaker never recaptured the lead until the final race. Bob



Prone to winning, Rennie Crane jumps off to a head start in the 60-yd. freestyle against Shaw.

Haas's victory in the 400-yard freestyle (4:21.6), and Fred Arsham's triumph in the 100-yard breaststroke, with his best time yet (1:08), helped to push Shaker within four points of the Cardinals.

Then after David Crane and Alan Gross kept pace with their Shaw rivals, Webb Young and Rennie Crane pulled away for a Raider victory with a 160-yard freestyle relay win in 1:12.5, a new pool and school record.

### Bridge Strategy

Coach Paul Stark singled out Fred Arsham's victory as the turning point of the meet. In comparing the meet set-up to a bridge game, Coach Stark pointed out that while Crane, Haas, and Marshall are always his aces, Arsham's triumph was the finesse that had to work.

## Shaw Too Hot to Handle; Raiders Colder Than Ice

Even the showers didn't work as the Raiders turned frigid, suffering an 88-37 shellacking at the hands of the torrid Shaw basketballers, Friday, January 8.

The red-hot Cardinals vaulted into a four-way tie for L.E.L. first place with the triumph and kept Shaker locked in the basement. The hosts sported strong evidence that they are the team to beat in the league.

Coach Fred Heinlen's diminutive crew could not keep up with the victor's blistering 51% shooting pace or the record-breaking rebounding of Ed Brumfield, who garnered 24 rebounds.

Eugene Curtain and Marty Thomas led the home team with nine points each and Tom Paige followed close behind with eight markers. Thomas has rapidly emerged as an important cog in Coach Heinlen's creaky cage machine.

### Time of Transition

This is a rebuilding year for the hardwooders, and Thomas along with juniors Rodd Heinlen, Paige, and Curtain form a nucleus of players who are slated to see more action during the rest of this season with one eye on next year. Coach Heinlen has also moved 6 ft. 4 in. sophomore Dana Garfield up and given him a starting berth on the varsity to bolster Shaker's sagging rebounding corps.

## Zip's Wreckers Crush Techers

Sweeping nine of the eleven matches, the Shaker wrestling team demolished visiting West Tech on Tuesday, January 12, 33-7. At the conclusion of the pre-league meets, the Raiders had four victories and a tie.

Ron Ratner and Don Loveman led the way by winning on pins. Ratner ended his match in only one minute and 25 seconds. Loveman, on the other hand, gained his pin with only five seconds left in the match.

### Three Undefeated

Phil Wolkin, Stu Sulzer, and Shelly Pollock remained unbeaten for the season. Wolkin and Sulzer gained narrow decisions, Wolkin winning 4-2, Sulzer 1-0. Pollock had a much easier time, finishing ahead 7-1. While most matches start slowly, Pollock has perfected a little-used maneuver, the lateral drop, which has accounted for two pins and two near-falls in the opening minute of various matches.

JIM POLSTER GAINED a 5-3 victory over a previously undefeated foe Jerry Peterson, Henry Berman, and Don Black provided the other wins, each a white-wash. This was Berman's first varsity match this year.

## Where Are They Now?

Shaker's greats have stayed on top. Whether Ollie Emerson, a Bowdoin College graduate, who was state high jump champ twenty years ago, and is now on the Board of Education, or Vic Ippolito, and Joe Petko, the story is the same.

Petko, a '62 graduate, lettered three times in wrestling, twice in baseball, and twice in football. He is now a star halfback at Florida State, which just whipped Oklahoma at the Gator Bowl.

Vic Ippolito, who graduated in 1960, lettered in track and basketball, and captained the Raider football team. In 1959 he was all-LEL. In 1963 he quarterbacked the Miami U. team in the Sun Bowl.

## Anchorman

by Alan Geisner

Recently a group of Shaker parents effectively petitioned the Board of Education to add soccer to the boys' physical education curriculum in the junior high schools. Thanks to their interest and enthusiasm in the sport, coached soccer could begin next fall at Woodbury and Byron. But what is to become of the soccer skills when junior high boys enter Shaker?

Unless the high school can develop a suitable soccer program to continue the work begun in junior high, boys interested in the sport will have virtually no further chance for improvement. Moreover, autumn intramural soccer could be opened to boys not out for a fall sport. In fact, the football field could serve as a playing area on Friday afternoons before night football games and on Saturday afternoons after such games.

THE TEACHING OF SOCCER might also find its way into the gym classes. The only gym game resembling the sport now is a "suicideball" contest where two wild hordes of boys chase up and down the room battering a volleyball and each other. With a little refinement these indoor games could easily turn into soccer.

So, if there is an interest and the available facilities for a soccer program at Shaker, why should there not be one?

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